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RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 23, 2003, Applicant elects Group I, claims 21-32, drawn to the apparatus.

Further, Applicant elects the species of Fig. 2.

Applicant cancels the remaining claims 33-49 without prejudice, as they are the subject of separate divisional applications.

With respect to the species election requirement, it is submitted that all the elected claims are either generic or read on the elected species, so that all of the claims are properly examined as to the species of Fig. 2.

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